

*X. Description of a new Genus of Diptera allied to Stratiomys. By S. S. SAUNDERS, Esq.*

Genus ALLIOCERA (αλλιος, diversus, κερας, cornu).

Corpus latum, depressum, subquadratum. Thorax convexus, in medio lator, lateribus rotundatis. Caput transversum, thorace vix latius. Antennæ triarticulatæ, quarum articulus primus elongatus, secundus brevis, tertius sex sectiones habens, basi productus, apice valdè dilatatus, cui pars intus obliquè conjuncta.

Sp. *A. Græca*. (Pl. IV. fig. 1.)

Niger, flavo-maculatus, antennis nigris, fœminæ vertice nigro punctoque flavo.

Long. corp. lin. 5—6.

Habitat in Epiro.

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Male.—Head black, with a square patch of cinereous hairs below the insertion of the antennæ. Scutellum black, with the points yellow, and sometimes a slight connecting line between them, and two dots of the same colour. Base of femora and apex of tibiæ black.

Female.—Head transverse, with a yellow band behind the eyes, and a broad band of same colour down the front with a black line. Antennæ black. Thorax black, covered with cinereous hairs above and below. Scutellum yellow, armed with two points, and a black marking at the base. Second, third, and fourth segments of abdomen having on each side a somewhat triangular yellow mark, and central one of the same nature at the apex of abdomen. Body beneath yellow, banded with black. Legs yellow. Wings slightly tinged with ochraceous.

Found on umbelliferous plants in April and May on the shores round the Gulf of Ambracia. The antennæ present a very remarkable conformation, the apical portion having somewhat the appearance of a cloven foot; and in some specimens this portion of the antennæ is much more dilated than in others.

DESCRIPTION OF PLATE IV.

Fig. 1, the insect slightly magnified; 1 *a*, the head from above; 1 *b*, the antenna highly magnified; 1 *c*, the wing.

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